

**Questions and Answers Regarding the
Computer Science Supplementary Authorization Incentive Grant
Request for Applications (RFA)
March 17, 2023**

Questions Clarifying the Request for Application (RFA) and the Submission Requirements

1. **Question:** It doesn't look like LEAs need to identify specific teachers in their application (which seemed to be required for the first cohort). I'm guessing this by looking at the appendix forms.
Answer: Grantees will have to identify their teachers in the required annual data reports submitted to the Commission.

Questions About Who Can Apply for a Computer Science Supplementary Authorization Incentive Grant

2. **Question:** Do participants have to have prior computer science classes to be able to participate or be accepted into one of the programs?
Answer: This is a local decision.
3. **Question:** What are the chances for acceptance into one of the institutions if I do not have prior computer science classes? I am assuming to be accepted for the grant program I would have to be accepted into one of the institutions.
Answer:
 - a. Contact the institution of higher education directly to learn more about their application criteria. Here is a [list of IHEs](#) with courses that satisfy the supplemental authorization. Please note that this list is not exhaustive and earning a Computer Science Supplementary Authorization requires a set of courses, not a Commission-approved program.
 - b. LEAs will determine locally how participants will be selected to participate in the Grant Program. To receive grant funds, a participant must be enrolled in coursework that satisfies the Computer Science Supplemental Authorization.

Questions About the Computer Science Supplementary Authorization

4. **Question:** Can you please clarify under what conditions an elementary school teacher needs the introductory CS supplementary authorization to teach computing concepts in their classroom? For instance, if a multiple subject credentialed teacher is providing one hour of computing instruction per week in a K-5 classroom, my understanding is that they DON'T need the authorization.
Answer: If the computer science instruction is occurring within the Multiple Subject teacher's self-contained class, then they are fully authorized to provide computer science instruction. However, if they are teaching in a more departmentalized setting, where they teach multiple student groups computer science throughout the day, then the teacher would be required to hold the Computer Science Supplementary Authorization.
5. **Question:** I know a single-subject math credential allows for teaching a standalone CS elective in middle school, but how about a Supplementary Authorization in Math?
Answer: The Supplementary Authorization in Math was not intended to authorize curriculum at that level, therefore, use of this authorization for a course in Computer Science is a local level decision. The credential required for a course is determined by the primary course content and

classroom setting. If the educator is teaching in a general education self-contained setting (teaching all subjects to the same group of students throughout the day), then a Multiple Subject teaching credential is required. If the educator is teaching a departmentalized class with the primary content area being Computer Science, then the appropriate credential for the content area of Computer Science is required, which includes the Specific Supplementary Authorization in Computer Science.

Questions Regarding Funding

6. **Question:** Can you provide a list of things/examples that LEAs who were awarded funds in rounds 1&2 indicated they would fund in-kind as part of their matching obligation?

Answer: Per authorizing legislation, only in-kind match of release time or substitute teacher costs are allowed.